Revelation 3:9-10

Read Revelation 3:7-13.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

Read Revelation 3:9-10 again and compare the diagram below with last week’s diagram. Note any changes.

Behold,

I will cause those

 of the synagogue of Satan,

 who say they are Jews

 and

 are not,

 but lie –

 I will make them

 come

 and

 bow down

 at your feet,

 and

 make them know

 that I have loved you.

10 Because you have kept the word

 of My perseverance,

I also will keep you from the hour

 of testing

 that hour

 which is about to come

 upon the whole world,

 to test those

 who dwell

 on the earth.

1. What are the members of the synagogue of Satan doing?
2. What is Christ’s response to these actions taken by those in the synagogue of Satan?
3. Read Isaiah 49:22-23 and 60:14. Consider the context of these passages. List out how these passages describe the act of “bow down at your feet” as also seen in Revelation 3:9?
4. Read John 17:22-24 with particular focus on verse 23. How does this passage help you understand the meaning of “make them know that I have loved you” in Revelation 3:9?
5. Consider the two realities of believers that Christ will make known to the hypocrites who say they are Jews and lie. Why might these two realities be the ones Christ desires to make known to them? How come these two specific results are emphasized?
6. List out the clear aspects of the “hour of testing” mentioned in verse 10 of this week’s passage. Compare this to chapter 2 verse 9. What is similar? Different?
7. Look up some or all of these Old Testament passages and list out what they discuss with regards to a future period of testing: Deut. 4:26-31; Isa. 13:6-13; 17:4-11; Jer. 30:4-11; Eze. 20:33-38; Dan. 12:1; Zech. 14:1-4; NT: Matt 24:9-31.
8. What was accomplished by these believers that enabled them to be kept from the hour of testing?
9. What extent is this hour of testing’s reach? How big is it?
10. Who will it test?
11. How does these verses reveal that Jesus is the provider of security? List several ways. Be sure to come back to these after the sermon and compare your notes with the sermon.